

TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371		Attorney Docket No. <b>0513-1109</b> U.S. Application No. <b>107501400</b>
INTERNATIONAL APPLN. NO. <b>PCT/FR03/00096</b>	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE <b>January 14, 2003</b>	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED <b>January 18, 2002</b>
TITLE OF INVENTION: <b>MEANS FOR CONNECTING TWO PIPE ELEMENTS END-TO-END</b>		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US: <b>Patrick LEGEAL and Olivier GUIVAR'CH</b>		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>FIRST</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li> <li>2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li> <li>3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.</li> <li>4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (Article 31).</li> <li>5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2)) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</li> <li>b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau. See attached PCT/IB/308.</li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).</li> </ol> </li> <li>6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2)) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto.</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> </ol> </li> <li>7. <input type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3)) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau.</li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made, however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.</li> <li>d. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.</li> </ol> </li> <li>8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3)).</li> <li>9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)) or a Declaration of Inventorship for purposes of U.S.A. designation pursuant to rule 4.17(iv).</li> <li>10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).</li> </ol>		
<b>Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:</b>		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) w/PTO-1449 - <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Copy of IDS citations.</li> <li>12. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Assignment Papers (cover sheet &amp; document(s)).</li> <li>13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment.</li> <li>14. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 C.F.R. 1.76.</li> <li>15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</li> <li>16. <input type="checkbox"/> A change of power of attorney and/or change of address letter.</li> <li>17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825.</li> <li>18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> <li>19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application (35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4)).</li> <li>20. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: <u><b>International Search Report (PCT/ISA/210)</b></u></li> </ol>		

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21. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The following fees are submitted:  <b>BASIC NATIONAL FEE (37 CFR 1.492 (a) (1)-(5)):</b>  Neither international preliminary examination fee nor international search fee paid to USPTO and international Search Report not prepared by the EPO or JPO ..... <b>\$1080.00</b>  International preliminary examination fee not paid to USPTO but International Search Report prepared by the EPO or JPO ..... <b>\$920.00</b>  International preliminary examination fee not paid to USPTO but International search fee paid to USPTO ..... <b>\$770.00</b>  International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO but all claims did not satisfy provision of PCT Article 33 (1)-(4) ..... <b>\$730.00</b>  International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO and all claims satisfied provision of PCT Article 33 (1)-(4) ..... <b>\$100.00</b>  <div style="text-align: right;"><b>ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT</b></div>	<b>CALCULATIONS</b> <b>PTO USE ONLY</b>																									
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☒ A check in the amount of **\$960.00** to cover the above fees is attached.

☐ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge indicated fees and credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 in the name of Young & Thompson. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fee required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17.

  

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